

**Drumlins Meeting October 19th! Pumpkin Patrol Oct 30, 31!!**

**Meeting location EMO (Conference Room, 1st Floor)**

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# Drumlins' Rumblings

RACES-ARES October 2016 KB2KBY Dave Taylor



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## Drumlins' Meeting

October 19, 2016—7:30 PM  
VE testing—6:30 PM  
Social—7:00 PM  
Wayne County EMO, 1st Floor  
Conference Room  
7336 Rt. 31, Lyons, NY  
Doors open at 6:30 PM, Talk-in:  
146.685

OCTOBER! Pumpkin time and a change in the season with the trees getting ready for their winter nap. The XYL and I just returned recently from inside the Blue Line or as most flat-landers know it as the Adirondacks. With all the travels the XYL and I have been blessed to do, the Adirondacks still is our favorite number one spot to return and rejuvenate. We are blessed to have our north county. It has been only the last 15 years since retiring we have had the honor of seeing the fall change up north. This peak season was late this year with the dryness the Adirondacks had as we had down here. The colors were the best we have seen since our first fall visit when we retired! Brilliant reds, purples, golds—just stunning! I sent Walter a picture of leaves in the XYL's hands to give you an idea. Down in the flat-lands we have a tree or so here and there with the bright colors but in the Adirondacks, it is mountainsides full of color! And, I have to say you can take all the pictures you like but it is hard to capture what the eyes see. On a historical note we have to thank Governor Teddie Roosevelt for our State parks and reserves. Teddie is a very distant shirrtail relation on my Mom's side of the family. So was FDR, too, of course as the two were cousins. Of course, Teddie also as President gave us all our National Parks. Remember you can put the biggest five National Parks out west inside NYS' Blue Line.

My "Dad"-in-law used to say "hysterical" all the time in stead of historical. Hi. By the way "Dad" was my 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher and the XYL's. It is he I am thankful for, for being the social studies teacher as my career. "Dad" was just a



## RACES-ARES continued

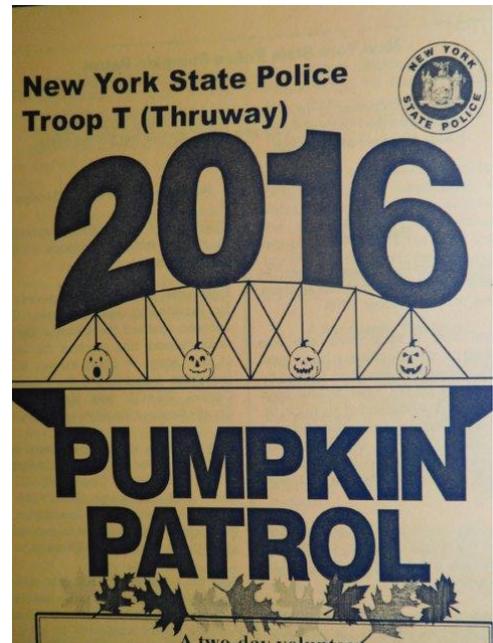
good guy!, demanded a lot but was fair and polite, a humanist. The XYL didn't get any break having her Dad, however. "Dad" had a good sense of humor, bar none. Even though the XYL had a grade in the mid 90s, on one 10-week report card he wrote, "Poor sloppy worker.," to the XYL and her Mom's amazement! Hi hi. She tells the story even to this day. You have to remember this was ancient times and report cards were hand written.

With all this bird walking, this is a reminder to smell the roses, see the beautiful fall season change and enjoy life, family and friends each day. We can at times ignore or forget the good things out there. It is easy to see the negativeness out there as there are many OMG moments out there. You know what I mean. Recharge the batteries! My favorite Adirondack hat says "May The Forest Be With You."

Thanks for letting me wander and appreciate the leaves yourselves.

OCTOBER, of course, means **PUMPKIN PATROL** time again! This year is the 40th anniversary! As I type, I am but one op from completing my list of bridge sitters and the NCS positions are filled and the rovers are in place. Thank you my faithful volunteers! I am a little late getting this month's article off to Walter, N2ZVP, with the wandering above as I stated. Oops. I warned Walter it would be done soon as my little fingers can dance over the keyboard. He is gracious to put up with me. Unfortunately my fingers dance about as good on the keyboard as my poor feet do these days. I will give my Pumpkin Patrol report in November's article. Usually that report is boring since our volunteers do a good job bridge sitting and keeping the mischievous away! Us "older" types like boring! The youngsters may get fidgety but us old youngsters don't mind boring. We've seen more excitement than we wish at times. Hi.

Editor's note: The **Pumpkin Patrol** was started by a Citizen's Band Operator named Katherine St. Jacques in 1976. Soon after a truck driver she was talking to was injured by an object thrown from an overpass, St. Jacques and two companions began the practice of standing watch on overpasses that crossed the NYS Thruway. The Pumpkin Patrol has grown over the years and in 1990 St. Jacques retired from duty turning coordination over to Troop T. Troop T now works with 24 Sheriff's departments, over 46 local police agencies and numerous volunteer groups to coordinate the observation of roads passing over the Thruway corridor.



Lastly, OCTOBER is **JOTA** time with the Boy Scouts! JOTA or "Jamboree On The Air" is a fun time! For one day the young Scouts see probably the most of ham radio they will see in a year. Hopefully it may spark a Scout on in the endeavor. I didn't have JOTA for my time in the Boy Scouts but the Morse code I learned because I was interested in ham radio way back then. As a result I taught Morse code using flags and flashlights in my old Troop 166 in Macedon. That sure saved my tail many years later. If it wasn't for that Scout Morse code interest, I would have ended up SE Asia instead of my NE Asia-remember my Shemya Island was west of the 180 degree latitude line! My old Scoutmaster, Mike Burrows a WWII USAAC veteran, is buried not far from my parents at the

Macedon Erie Street cemetery. I say hello to Mike every time I am there and thank him for saving my rear end! Timing, being naive, and saying "no" at the right time to an Army Sargent put me in the Army Security Agency and saved my neck. I admit, I have the widest streak of self preservation down my back! No parachuting, bungee jumping etc. No joke. 52 years later I appreciate my Scouting even more. JOTA is good time for me to say thanks to Scouting and give a little pay-back to the Scouts interested in CW-Morse code and ham radio. And-I just have fun doing it!, period. Us older types know simple small things are fun. And, it counts as an ARES event.

So smell the roses, enjoy the fall colors and sit back and listen to nature. Again, I appreciate your putting up with the bird walking. OCTOBER! Enjoy!

73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY

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## October Program-

Bill Tegtmeier will bring the club up to date on the club equipment inventory, go kit set-up and the Go-Kit digital mode drills coming up the first 2 Saturdays in November

**Our next VE testing session will start at 6:30 PM before the regular meeting on October 19th. This will allow more testing flexibility and less overlap with our club meeting.**



**November Rumblins  
Deadline is: November 10th,**

**NY State RACES - HF NET  
Sunday 0900  
3.993.5kHz SSB/LSB**

**If you have an article that you would like to share with the rest of the club, please submit them to me and I'll work on getting it in the newsletter!**  
**Email address: wdotcher@tkcontrols.com**  
**Snail Mail address: 144 Berg Rd**  
**Ontario, NY 14519**

**Upcoming Public Service Events**  
 Pumpkin Patrol Oct 30, 31

2016 Hamfest Schedule

DAYTON HAMVENTION May 20-22!	DRUMLINS-ARC HAMFEST 4/23/2016-see page 6!
Lockport ARA Hamfest 1/23/2016	Winter Hamfest 2/27/2016 Big Flats
RAGS Hamfest 7/10/2016 Cicero	Ithaca Hamfest 8/6/2016 Trumansburg
KLARA Hamfest & Campout 8/6/2016 Hornell	RARA Hamfest May 28th, 2016 @Eastman-Business Park
Barnard Hamfest June 4th, 2016 @ Barnard-Exempt	Horseheads-Fall Hamfest September 24?

# Meeting Notes

The club meeting notes and the newsletters can be found on the member's side of the DARC website at [www.drumlinsarc.us](http://www.drumlinsarc.us)

A list of current members is now on our website. You have to be logged in, go to Members, then Members List. Check it out and if you see any errors, email [drumlinsarc@gmail.com](mailto:drumlinsarc@gmail.com)

**Meeting Location Change:** Renovations for the Sheriff's Office are finished! Our first floor meeting room is once again available! Same time 7:00 social; 7:30 meeting

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## 2017 Elections:

At this time, the Drumlins Officers are Alan Cook, Pres; Richard Hamill, VP; Walter Dutcher, Treasurer/Newsletter; Sabrina Hamill, Secretary/VE Team Leader; Jay Hamill, Program Director. Board Directors are Dave Mette, Justin Toarmino and Bill Tegtmeyer. Al, Rich and Jay have expressed interest in remaining in their positions. All other members are willing to allow others to step up if interested and all positions can have multiple applicants running. Bill's position includes management of Membership and Website.

Turnover is a good thing, in my opinion, for all organizations.

Drumlins does allow any member to run for any position at the October election with nominations from the floor. If anyone would like to present themselves ahead of time expressing interest in any position, please reply to Bill Tegtmeyer. If interested, you may also present yourself at the October meeting and for Officer/Director at that time also.

Elections occur at the October meeting and terms begin in January 2017. You must be a paid up 2016 or Lifetime member to hold office and to vote in the elections

### VE Testing

#### Drumlins ARC / Laurel VEC Testing

October 19, 2016

Testing will start at 6:30 PM  
(Before the Drumlins ARC Monthly Meeting)

**CONTACT** for individuals registering in advance is: Sabrina Hamill, WD2STK - (585)727-2091

The SquawIsland ARC (SIARC) has VE testing at the Ontario County EOC-911 center on County Road 46 near the fire training area every other second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. VE sessions are held prior to their meeting. The VE testing is headed by Dave Foster, AB2WZO of SIARC. The SIARC website ([www.SIARC.us](http://www.SIARC.us)) can be used for directions and information.

### VE Testing At RIT

RARA conducts amateur radio license testing on the 3rd Saturday of each month from September through April and at the Hamfest. These tests cover all amateur radio elements as required for the Technician, General, and Extra class licenses.

Testing is conducted at: Rochester Institute of Technology  
James E. Gleason Hall, Room 9-3139  
Registration is at 10:00 AM

Please check [www.rochesterham.org](http://www.rochesterham.org) for details.

## Repeater Report Sept 2016

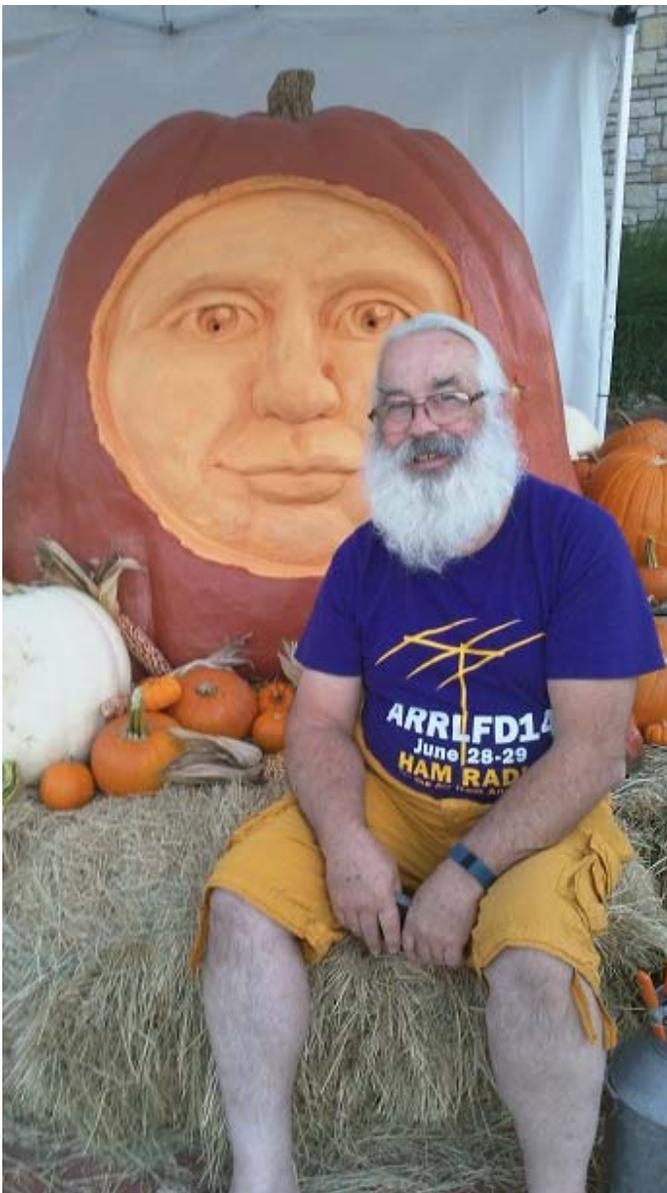
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146.745– Nothing to report

**444.750- (Tri-mode)** The Yaesu DR-1X is back at the factory for necessary upgrades to support the current projects with digital mode expansion. It should be shipped back to us shortly.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Repeater Committee**



The Great  
Pumpkin????!!!

**N2ZVP** will be skipping  
out on the October  
meeting, he is on  
vacation

